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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Hans Leibold et al

Title: METHOD FOR CLEANING PIPE-SHAPED FILTER ELEMENTS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references were cited during prosecution of the corresponding international application. They were both marked "A" by the Examiner as relating only to background information.

The Examiner considers the claims as filed to be patentable over the cited prior art (see translation of International Examination Report). The references do not disclose that in a method and apparatus for cleaning pipe-shaped filter elements arranged in a housing including a separation wall dividing the housing into a clean gas space and a raw gas space into which the filter elements extend from the clean gas space through the separation wall and the raw gas is directed from the raw gas space through the filter elements into the

clean gas space while dust is removed from the raw gas and collected on the filter elements, the filter elements are cleaned from time to time by supplying momentarily pressurized flushing gas to the clean air space which, at the same time, is closed to generate a flushing gas pulse providing for a backflow of clean gas from the clean gas space to the raw gas space, which dislodges dust collected on the filter elements.

Respectfully submitted,

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